

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

A committee was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners consisting of Mr. W. T. Parker being Chairman, Mr. Doug McDonald and Mr. Donald Neal to interpret the connection of a sewer line to the Cinco Bayou sewer system which is ultimately handled by the Okaloosa County Sewer Plant. This connection was made by Mr. Buck Smith for Church's Fried Chicken Restaurant in Cinco Bayou. Also present at the meeting were Mr. Wallace Bullock, Mr. J. P. Ward, Inspector of the Okaloosa County Inspection Department, and James O. Godwin, City Clerk of Cinco Bayou. The committee meeting was called to order by Chairman J. T. Parker at 3:10 p.m. on January 13, 1975.

Chairman Parker opened the meeting with the comment that his interpretation of the code was that an existing building with existing sewer lines was not within the realm of the code in relation to the responsibility of the owner---not of the plumber.

Mr. Ward stated that according to the code, Chapter 1, Administration, "Unsafe Installations", that the connection as made by Mr. Buck Smith did not meet the standards of the code.

Mr. McDonald cited a similar case involving Grants Shopping Center which ultimately required a 1,000 gallon grease trap be installed to alleviate a grease problem.

A general discussion followed and it was agreed that if the current septic tank was used it must be pumped out at least every 35 days by the owner.

Mr. James Godwin stated that the policy as set forth by the City Council of Cinco Bayou was that any work before started required

a permit and was to be taken to the Okaloosa County Inspection Department and that work would be inspected as determined by the Okaloosa County Inspection Department. He added, that this was not done in this particular case. Within two (2) hours after issuing such a permit on behalf of Cinco Bayou, Mr. Ward was in his office stating that the line had been installed and that he would not approve of the installation.

Interjecting at this point, Mr. Wallace Bullock told Mr. Godwin that the Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners wished to convey to him that they did not want to interfere with the Administration of Cinco Bayou and did not wish to see the business establishment close unnecessarily.

Mr. Parker stated the choice of pumping the septic tank every 35 days would cost approximately \$400.00 per year but Mr. Neal added that the grease is separated from the solids, could be dipped into a fill-drum and sold to pay for the expense of its cleaning. He also said that the grease trap would have to be maintained with proper care or the lines would have to be separated, the solids from the grease lines.

At this point, Mr. Godwin asked the Chairman what choices were available. The committee made the following recommendations:

1. To connect existing septic tank, discontinue all drain fields and use septic tank as a grease trap, however, pumping out this grease trap every 30 to 35 days or as determined by Cinco Bayou.
2. To use existing Septic tank as a grease trap disconnecting all drain fields and to pay an amount additional to the normal fee for the maintenance of the sewer line or any

other sewer facilities that would cause problems due to the discharge of the grease into said lines.

3. To separate the solid waste lines from grease lines within the building and to by-pass the septic tank with the solid waste lines thereby discharging only grease into the existing septic tank which must be maintained as per requirements of Cinco Bayou.

Regardless of the method used a connection would be required that will be approved by the Okaloosa County Inspection Department.

There being no further business by this committee, it was adjourned by the Chairman, Mr. W. T. Parker at 4:30 p.m. on January 13, 1975.